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The deer season has ended. Let us give thanks—that is, those of us who have not been called upon to mourn.

A good "January thaw" in late November would be about the right thing to replenish water supplies here in Vermont.

As soon as Pres. Harding signs the bill putting medical beer out of the legal status, sickness is sure to be reduced to a minimum, or to actual compulsion.

China spoke right up with conviction in the international conference at Washington. And China, let it be said, has a basis for being somewhat armed with conviction.

The news items tell of one man raising 4,800 bushels of potatoes on a single Vermont farm during the recent season. The territory might be called a New Aroostook.

Indefatigable and untiring against the military might of Germany, Marshal Foch is succumbing to the strain of the American banquet. Great are the defeats of peace.

The Prince of Wales was welcomed in India with fireworks but not wholly of the harmless sort. He found a turbulent people over whom he is destined to reign if fate permits. No doubt he will consider the Dominion of Canada more to his liking.

Pres. Harding et al are coming up against some of the old world diplomacy which Pres. Wilson ran into during the Versailles peace conference. Such old world diplomacy is essentially selfish and somewhat shifty.

It is proposed to broaden the scope of the armament conference by asking other nations to participate in whatever negotiations may be considered by the conference. As yet, however, no invitation has gone out to the government at Berlin; Germany is still waiting.

The electric trolley systems gave a hard blow to the steam railroad lines; the motor buses are now delivering a sad blow to the electric systems. The world waits for the contraption which will do the same by the motor buses. It's a never-ending procession of developing forces in life's activities; and the old has to give way to the new, at least in part.

Another "most beautiful girl in the United States" has been found. She lives in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Granted that the Pine Bluff specimen of femininity is good-looking, it is a far cry to say that she is the most beautiful girl in the United States, for there are thousands of mute, inglorious Susies doomed to blush unseen, so far as these beauty contests are concerned. These thousands know better. Sound judgment they show.

For undisciplined Yankee business instincts we commend the schoolma'am in a northern Vermont border town, who, after finding two mysterious Chinamen ensconced comfortably in her schoolhouse, made them pay two dollars for the wood they had burned during the night and then turned them over to the authorities for further examination as to their reason for being in the United States. Such keenness for acquiring the dollar stamps the

schoolma'am as a genius. Presumably, too, she is an efficient teacher of the young idea.

The action of the two morning newspapers in Portland, Me., in uniting ought to assure Maine's metropolis of a better product of the daybreak brand of newspapers. Not but what the two former morning papers were good but because joint efforts in a comparatively small field will enable the publishers to get better results.

It took a railroad wreck to bring out the fact prominently that there is such a place as Gilman in Vermont. Gilman is located south of Lunenburg, Essex county, and on the Maine Central railroad line running to St. Johnsbury. People who have read now and then about Gilman and have not been able to find it on the map will be glad to receive the information that Gilman is a real place and not a typographical error.

The village of Winooski, which had rather hard picking during the period immediately following the war, is now reported to be getting a fresh business impetus through the work being offered in the Woolen Co.'s mills located there, the payroll of the company being now \$80,000 a week and likely to be larger within a short time. It is another case of "beating back" such as the entire country is destined to go through sooner or later.

The big scale factory at St. Johnsbury proposes to increase its production although it has no demand for goods to require the increase. The reason for the proposal no doubt is to be found in the belief that there is going to be a heavy call for goods with the resumption of normal conditions in the business world as a whole and that this particular company should be ready for the demand. In other words, the scale company is a believer in preparedness instead of being driven when the rush of renewed industry does come. The attitude is both optimistic and reasonable. It is the sort of attitude which is going to be powerful in bringing back normalcy.

The town of Corinth is losing its doctor again. Perhaps the Corinthians are too healthy to provide a living for a resident physician.—Brattleboro Reformer.

It's a tolerably healthy town but lacks housing accommodations for the doctor, according to current report. If things have come to this pass, it may be necessary for a town to build a house for the doctor just as the church builds a parsonage for its spiritual doctor. If renting properties are so scarce in the Corinth that the villages there cannot retain the services of a resident physician it would appear like a fairly good business proposition for someone, or some organization to put up a cozy little bungalow on the fine sloping street of the chief village and rent it for the special use of the town doctor. With lumber handy and a woodworking shop located in town, the project would not seem to be such a heavy financial outlay as it might otherwise be.

Beginning next month, the automobile registration department in New Hampshire will issue registration on weight rather than on horse power of the vehicles. Some automobile owners who have hung onto their big cars of a more or less ancient manufacture because of a certain measure of attachment to the vehicle, and for other reasons, will find themselves somewhat heavily assessed for what they get out of their machines. However, they may be the exceptions to the rule, and the new regulation of charging registration fees according to weight instead of by horsepower may work out satisfactorily on the whole. In any event, the old talk about a car being "rated" at such a power but really capable of producing double the "rated" power may go out of popular use inasmuch as machines formerly were charged according to their "rated" power, not according to their capacity. Certain it is that the light-built, high-powered cars will come into their own as far as registration fees are concerned.

CURRENT COMMENT

So Say We.

The Barre Times calls attention to the development of Vermont water power by concerns from outside the state and states there may be some objections to this being done. If Vermont people sit back and do not take advantage of natural resources in the state there can be no objection to outside capital coming in. Such concerns from outside the state should be encouraged. That is just what the state wants—more people, more money from the outside. Can it be that there are those who still believe that a Chinese wall should be built around the border of the state?—Burlington Clipper.

Dynamite For the Editor.

Somebody left at or under the Stanstead Journal office ten weeks ago nine sticks of Atlas dynamite, six fulminate caps and some fuse. Editor Holland now advises for the owner to call for his property. Some years ago an aggrieved liquor dealer assaulted Mr. Holland in the Journal office, but John got the court to suspend sentence if the prisoner would go back to the United States where he belonged and never again visit Canada.—Newport News.

"Pleasurable Pride."

"Vermont's chief executive is given another medal, this time for inventing the screw thread comparator. Yet he has not invented a way to raise new smoketacks in Vermont. There's a big medal waiting for him when he does that."—Barre Times. The smoketack joke—and it never was anything but a figure of speech manufactured by the political opponents of the governor during the primary campaign—this joke has outlived its usefulness. It ought to be a matter of pleasurable pride to Vermonters that they have as their governor an outstanding figure in the mechanical-industrial life of the nation, a man whose accomplishments bring him these signal recognitions, for in a sense the whole state shares in the honor. It is much better advertising than some we have received in the not very remote past.—St. Albans Messenger.

Institutional Revenue.

Usually, it is impossible to compare the conduct of a state institution with the conduct of a private business, because, in a private business, conducted for profit, the income must exceed the outgo or the results are disastrous. The state institution, on the other hand is usually conducted at a total loss, so far as the element of profit is concerned.

There are several exceptions to that rule in Vermont, the most notable of which, perhaps, is the farm at the state hospital in Waterbury, of which the Barre Times says: It is not all outgo in connection with Vermont state institutions. For instance, there is the farm connected with the state hospital for the insane at Waterbury which reports a net profit of \$22,531.39. It is more than a tidy balance; it is somewhat of a life-saver in these times. The state hospital farm represents a considerable investment, it is true. It has good plant and a prize-winning herd of Holsteins. It is run by a practical farmer who does not have to worry very much about securing labor, as the inmates do a very large proportion of the work, but it is very evident, from the balance sheet, that the place is being run on a business principle and that in time it might very well be nearly self-supporting.

When we survey and consider the heavy appropriations for state institutions such news is not only very good news; it is the sort of news that spells the difference between success and failure. If other state enterprises were conducted with the same eye to business we would hear less about a dollar state tax and a million-dollar deficit.

By the way, in any mention of the state hospital, the state prison, industrial school and school for feeble-minded, it is only a matter of fact to record the sagacious far-sighted and faithful service of John E. Weeks, of Middlebury, director of state institutions.—Rutland News.

Embellishment.

"Can I show you some beautiful hand-painted china?" inquired the salesman. "No," replied the busy woman. "The only desire I have just now is to decorate the plain family dinner dishes with something effective in the way of a chop and a boiled potato."—Washington Star.

Glorious Dream.

Sam—Mah boss run down for' chickens yesterday. Pete—Lawdy! Say, if Ah owned an ottermobile, Ah'd hab a tachment dat would pick de chickens up en anudder in de rear dat would cook em right on de road. Den, man dat would be motorin.—Boston Transcript.



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